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Classified By: Classified by Jonathan R. Cohen, Political Military Counselor, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel points to Lorenzo Morini of the North African Office of the MFA on May 15. Morini agreed that the unanimous adoption of the April 30 MINURSO resolution means the international community has a mandate to move quickly on Morocco-Polisario talks. Morini believed Van Walsum might try to delay talks in order to narrow the differences between the two sides. Nevertheless, Italy believes that the two parties should be compelled to begin negotiations without preconditions and was prepared to offer Van Walsum the option of hosting talks in Rome if it would move the process forward.
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